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FILE HEADING.

Suspension of honors due to the Sri Parakala Mutt from the Sri Narasimha-swamy Temple on the Hill at Melkote.

From

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Sl. 1). To the Secretary, D.O. Letter No. 2376/ [illegible] dated 10-1-21 received by the Secretary to the Government of Madras requesting that the honors due to the Parakala Mutt from the Sri Narasimhaswamy Temple on the Hill at Melkote may be restored [illegible] the Secretary to the Government of India in the Home Department

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2 ~~5~~	~~In reply~~ From the D. C. Mysore, letter no. 350 & 12-1-21.
D 1479	Regarding the suspension of honours due to the Sri Parakala matt from the Sri Narasimhaswami Temple on the Hill at Melkote, states that a report has been called for & it will be submitted soon after its receipt.
3 b	From the same officer, letter no. C. 350 & 1-1-21 (camp) Channarayapatna.
D 1494	States that as Kasturirangachar, the agent who was receiving the mariyadas on behalf of the matt, received a gowra danam" but did not purify himself; that the matt parpattegar declined to appoint a substitute in his place to receive the mariyadas; & that as the brother of the agent also refused to accept the mariyadas, it is kept in a plate; and that it will be seen, ~~from~~ from these papers, that the mariyadas have not been wit

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8L 17.1.21 Issue Reminder

Lady 17/1/21

4 To the Dy: Comr, Mysore Distt.,
letter No. 2432 & 17-1-21

Acknowledges ~~the~~ his letters (Sls 2 & 3) reporting on the suspension of maniyadas due to the Sri Parakala Matt from the Sri Narasimhaswami Matt on the Hill at Melkote and requests that the promised further report may be sent up early.
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8L 18/1/21 For Chief Secretary.

No further report received

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1. Put up to the Dewan with file
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2. Issue
20.1.21

3. Send a reminder
1/2/21

Reminder draft is subd.
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4. Issue above
2/2/21

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6. Rept. recd. subd
12/3/21

Agd. & issued
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From the D. C. Mysore.,

Letter No. 350 Dt 20 21 & 15.3.21.

Submits the further report in the matter of suspension of honors due to the Sri Parakalaswamy mutt in the Sri Narasimhaswami Temple on the hills at Melkote.

The S. D. O. reports that it has not been proved that Kasturi Rangachar received a "godana" & on that account became ineligible to receive, as agent of the mutt, the Mariyadas due to it, till he underwent purification ceremonies and recommends, therefore, that he may be allowed to receive the mariyadas, as usual.

Submd. for orders.

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/0 Neither the Sub Division Officer nor the Deputy Commissioner has given a report of the exact incidents of the case.

// The Deputy Amildar's final report to the Sub Division Officer is also defective. It does not contain a full and clear statement of the facts of the case. I therefore append for reference a Precis of the vernacular records.

/2 Briefly stated, the facts are:--

On 8th December 1920 a petition was received by the Head Gumasta then in charge of the Peshkar's duties alleging that Kasturi Ranga Char, the recipient of the Matt Honors in Sri Yoganarasimhaswami temple had entered the temple kitchen after receiving 'Uthrania Godhana' on the previous day and without undergoing Prayaschittam and that therefore a Samprokshana in the temple was necessary.

/3 The Head Gumasta took the statements of a few persons and wrote to the local Parepathegar of the Sri Parakala Matt requesting him to obtain and forward the statement of Kasturi Rangachar who had asked for a reference to his Department and also to nominate another to receive the Matt Honours in the temple until the matter was disposed of.

/4 The Matt Parpathegar wrote in reply that he would obtain and send the statement of Kasturi Rangachar if the ~~xxxxxxxxx~~ records

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connected with the petition against him be sent and that he saw no reason to appoint another as desired.

15. The Peshkar returned from leave on 11th December and on the following day sent an order to the Temple Manegar directing that until further orders:--

(a) The Matt Honours should be delivered to Krishniengar, brother of Kasturi Rangachar and in the absence of Krishniengar to such other person as might have been receiving it; and that in case no one on behalf of the Matt appeared, the formality of the delivery of the Honours might be observed in Katle as was being done in the temple below;

and

(b) that the duties of the Yajur Veda Parayana held by Kasturi Rangachar should be assigned to another.

16 On the following day,. the Matt Parpathegar wrote to the Peshkar asking under what authority the Matt Honours were kept in Katle Batlu without being delivered to the Matt's gumasta though the latter was present to receive it personally. No reply was sent to him.

17 So far as the Matt is concerned the complaint seems to be in respect of the first portion (a) of the foregoing order of the Peshkar. This order appears to be a very summary one passed

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without reference to the higher authorities or even a full enquiry into the allegations against the Matt's representative Kasturi Rangachar.

18 The Peshkar himself in his report to the Deputy Amildar submitted on the following day admits that the enquiry had not been completed; himself being very ill and the Deputy Amildar having camped at Melkote, the Peshkar had asked the Deputy Amildar to inquire into the matter himself and pass final orders, which the Deputy Amildar did not however choose to do.

19 Again, on 15th December 1920 the Peshkar received a petition from certain persons urging an immediate performance of Samprokshane in the temple; The Peshkar at once issues notices to Kasturi Rangachar and to the complainants against him to deposit Rs. 10/- on account of the expenses of Samprokshana and on their refusing to pay, sends provisions from the temple below directing the immediate performance of Samprokshane with a further order that Kasturi Rangachar should not be allowed to go into any of the temples until ~~he underwent Prayaschittam.~~ further Orders.

20 The Samprokshane was immediately performed and the question of adjusting the cost has now been raised for orders.

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21 Kasturi Rangachar has sent a registered letter to the Peshkar intimating his intention to put him into Court for defamation conveyed

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in the order prohibiting entry into the Temple ~~until he underwent a Prayaschittam.~~

22 The Peshkar argues that the fact of Kasturi Rangachar having accepted Godhana in the shape of cash has been sufficiently proved by evidence and his own private enquiries and that the necessity for performing a Samprokshane having been established thereby, there was no need to have sought previous sanction, the money for expenses having been advanced from the temple contingencies in accordance with the practice in vogue subject to adjustment by recovery from the party responsible.

23 The Peshkar's explanation is rather bold.

24 In the first place, when the Peshkar issued the order directing the performance of Samprokshane and the prohibition of Kasturi Rangachar's entry into the Temple until the latter underwent a Prayaschitta, he had before him no evidence worth the name to arrive at the decision that Kasturi Rangachar had accepted a Godhana so as to necessitate his undergoing a Prayaschittam.

25 Secondly, to argue that the performance of Samprokshane in a temple like the one at Melkote was not a matter requiring previous sanction is, to say the least of it, belittling the ~~great~~ grave significance of the function and assuming powers far beyond what the official might be entrusted to exercise.

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26 The Peshkar says that in issuing the order prohibiting Kasturi Rangachar's entry into the temples, he acted in conformity with the personal instructions given to him by the Deputy Amildar at Melkote; but the Deputy Amildar repudiates having given any such instructions.

27 Much of the present complications might have been saved if only the Deputy Amildar during his stay at Melkote on the 13th and 14th December 1920 had realised the gravity of the question raised and completing the enquiry started by him on the 14th December at Melkote had passed definite orders on record or reported the circumstances for the orders of his superiors. The Deputy Amildar admits having given some instructions to the Peshkar; but what they were, he does not say nor are they patent from the records.

28 In the enquiry held by the Deputy Amildar on the demi-official reference from Government the very person who performed the funeral rites, as also his elder brother Yoganarasimhachar and another Naranaiengar (Aramane Paricharak) who were both present during the ceremonies have stated that Kasturi Rangachar did not receive any Godhana on the occasion, that he even refused to accept the Rupee and the betel leaves deposited under Dhara on the ground and that finally the Rupee & the betel leaves were given away by Yoganarasimhachar to one Javali Krishniengar; while on the side of the petitioners, Tirumalachar has finally admitted that he was not present at the time and that the complaint was based on hear-say.

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29 The other signatories to the petition have backed out of the inquiry by failing to respond to the notices sent to them.

30 TheSub Division Officer now reports that the allegations against Kasturi Rangachar have not been proved and that therefore he might be allowed to receive the Mariyade due to the Matt as usual.

31 In the circumstances of this case, I beg leave to submit that the simple restoration of STATUS QUO ANTE will be but a poor consolation to the aggrieved party, unless it is also followed up by a deterrent punishment of the petitioners, who after raising a cry of serious allegations against the Matt's representative, have quietly backed out of the enquiry when it was seriously taken up by the Deputy Amildar. An effective punishment will be to remove the petitioners, viz, i. Tirumalachar, ii, Veeraraghavachar, iii, Aravamudiengar and iv, Venkatachar from all offices that they might hold in the temple service and further to stop any stalavasi or bhattamanya allowances that they might be in receipt of from the temple funds.

32 The Deputy Commissioner may be asked to call upon these persons to show cause why they should not be removed from the temple service or otherwise punished at the pleasure of Government for their failure to substantiate the serious allegations made by them against the Matt's

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representative as they themselves had agreed to submit to at the very outset.

33. It would be satisfactory to all parties if the Deputy Commissioner himself takes up this further enquiry and reports his findings for the further orders of Government.

19.3.21

(Do Secy.)

Secd Member 19/3/21

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Recd 2 sheets from 19.3.21

35. I have gone thro the papers & the case is typical of places like Nankana which are religious centres & places of pilgrimage. From the evidence laid on record it seems to me that (1) the Pashtan exceeded his powers (2) the Dy Amildar behaved in a manner unbecoming his position & responsible office & (3) the charge is not established as pointed by the S. D. O. It has been another unfortunate instance of this kind. I think that a personal investigation by the D. C. is indicated & that whatever the result of this is known. No material orders

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Can be passed in the matter. The Magistrate
that the petitioners who made the
charge & were unable to substantiate it
shd be punished, as indicated, cannot
I think, be accepted at this stage.

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36. The Dewan.

37 Degree. [illegible]

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29.3.21 A draft is submitted
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30-3-21.

38 Secretary Member)

39 Draft approved

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1.4.21. Issue above
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From, the Dy. Comr., Mysore Dist.
Letter no. C. 350 dt 15-5-1921
19

Submits further report on the queries raised in Sl. 6 after holding a personal enquiry into the matter.

41 As regards the queries raised in Sl. 6, the Dy. Comr reports as follows:—

I (a) A "Jo-danam" was given.

(b) It was given in the form of a Rupee on a few betel leaves.

(c) It was given to Venkata Krishnaiya vide para. 10. From the evidence recorded by him, the Dy. Comr states that he should give Kasturi Rangacher the benefit of doubt and accept him.

(d) It was given by the cash being placed on the ground.

(e) As regard its effect on the donee, the Dy. Comr suggests that the Pandits of the Muzrai Dept be consulted in the matter.

42. With regard to the 2nd question whether the orders issued by the Peshkar on his own responsibility were justified or not, the Dy. Comr gives it

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as his opinion that the Peshkar acted like want of tact.

43 He reports that the matt[er] rumours have apparently not been received while the enquiry was pending, and that if any one but Kashi Ramachar had been sent to take them, they would undoubtedly have been given.

44 As regards the punishment to the complainants, the Dy. Comr. reports that the charge is unproven and the accused has to be given the benefit of doubt; and as such, neither side can be punished as it cannot be said definitely that either side were at fault. He adds that Govt may perhaps warn the temple servants as well as that they incur his displeasure on complaints that cannot be properly substantiated.

Submitted for orders.

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45 Pl. a draft be put up for Govt. in accordance with the recommendations of the Dy Comm'r

6262-259 / 27.5.21 First Member) H/ 26/5/21

46. Yes

Illegible 25.5.21

Illegible H/ 30/5/21 47. Please do so at

48. Draft submitted

SD 31/5/21 SL 31/5/21

Draft H/ 1/6/21 49. Please put up fair

50 Fair draft is put up.

SD 3/6/21 SL 3/6/21

First Member) H/ 3/6/21

6461-85 / 6.6.1921

Govt's proposals.

52 File may be ordered for the Revenue Intimation

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53. Dewan

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19.8.21.

Added in the address portion
B.L. 26.6.18

To, the Commissioner of Mysore & Coorg Bangalore—

No. 4609-10 dy 26.6.21

Directs that the Proceedings due to the Parakala Mutt from the Sri Narasimha Swamy Temple at Melkote be shown to Kasturi Rangachar as before etc.

No. 4611- Forwards Copy to the Hony Secry &c.

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Miscellaneous to the

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Submitted to
the Munsarim Secretary.

9. The Dewan desires to know
1) whether the draft order regarding the Archakar of the Melkote temple (on whose file the Dewan had minuted early this week) has been submitted to the Member and
2) what action has been taken on the complaint of the Parakala Matt against certain Karyadas thereof not having been done at the Sri Narasimha-Swami Temple, Melkote

M.S. Krishnamachar
Chief Supdt
Dewan's Office
12.3.21.

Under draft
12.3.21

Refer
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To Secy) 12-3-21

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1. As regards No 1 the file was received in the Record on the 8th inst on which day it was subd to the 2d member for perusal. It was received back from the member's on 9. 3. 24.

a detailed and ~~copy~~ Exchequer draft order ~~was~~ is also now being prepared. The rough draft is ready and a typed draft order will be ready on Monday the 14th inst.

II. As regards No 2 the Dy Com. was written to on the 17th Jan. 24 requesting a report as soon as possible. Same in Feb. 24, a rem. was sent to the Dy Com. in the matter, and a 2d rem. is going today.

RL
12/3/24

~~Re the order about~~ the

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12. Rex - A. Draft was put up by the Office ~~on 11th~~ Yesterday Bonl ~~Read~~, the case being one of importance & some- what complex & Shaw too

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Draft: I have been re-doing it myself

had to go closely into the ~~letter drafting of~~ the ~~file myself~~

13. ~~Today~~. I should have completed it earlier, but for my having to deal with and the ~~last~~ ~~important~~ complicated file-reading the proceedings of the Palkurki matter @ Palkurki -. ~~which file~~ has This file has been sent for orders -.

14. My ~~The~~ Draft re Melkote Parkar is being faired for Sub^n & ~~shall be~~ ready for the whole file will be ready for Sub^n to the Secretary-member Congress Madras

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15. Let this be kept at once & Mr Krishnama Char for submission of the Dewan. UJ 12/3/21

16. Submd.
The Dewan has addressed the Second member demi-Officially in the matter.
17. No reply is recd from the D.R. even today; a wire may be sent by Knight

MSK
14/3/21.

18. Second Member UJ 14/3/21

19. Seen. Let D.O. may issue

Let Rent. 14.3.21

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We want
Fobt. D.O
K Pillai

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An Express wire and a D.O. issued today
BG 14.3.24

20. Please treat this top-
per reply (if not received earlier.)

15/3/24

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From the Dy. Com. Nagpur D. No. 350 dt. 14.3.24
States that stringent orders have been
issued to Sub-Inspr. calling for immediate
submission of the report & that immediately
on hearing from him, the report called for
will be sent.

21 Submitted for perusal.
BG
15/3/24

15/3/21

22 Noted)
Secretary)

15/3/21

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5.3.24

23. This may be submitted for the
information of the Dewan. At the best
Telegrams make their appearance. However urgent or
important. Receive only their routine treatment
at the hands of the Executive.

16.3.24 P.J.D.

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Dr. [illegible] 315.20-1

Yours sincerely

12/10/21

To

R. Ramasami Esq

Sub Inspector

in charge of the

Dt.

Cover is addressed

to the D. Commr., Mysore.

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From The deputy Commissioner
Mysore district.

To The Secretary
to the Government of H.H. the Maharaja
of Mysore, Huzur[i] department
Bangalore.

Dated } 12th January 1921.
Despatched } GENERAL REV. SE.

Received 14 JAN 1921

General No. Ref 2201-35

No.

Enclosure No.

Submitting an ad-interim report in re the suspension of honors due to the Sri Parakala Mutt from the Sri Narasimhaswamy temple on the Hill at Melkote.

Ref e No. /Muz.1920-21.

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.
Dated, Mysore, 12th January 1921.

From

R. Nanasami Rao, Esquire,
Senior Assistant Commissioner
in District Charge, Mysore.

To

T.E. Jayarama Iyer, Esquire, B.A., B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Muzrai Department, Bangalore.

Sir,

In reply to your D.O. letter No.2376 dated the 10th instant re the suspension of honors due to the Sri Parakala Matt ~~from the Parakala Matt~~ from the Sri Narasimha Swami Temple on the Hill at Melkote, I have the honor to state that a report has been urgently called for in the matter and immediately on receipt ~~of~~ thereof, I shall submit my report on the subject.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Senior Assistant Commissioner
in District Charge, Mysore.

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From The Deputy Commissioner Mysore District

To The Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore, Muzrai Deptt. Bangalore

Dated 14th. January 21

Despatched Camp- Chunchankatte

Received

General No. Rep. C 350/20-21- Mis

No.

Enclosure No.

Submits report re the Complaint from the Sri parakala Mutt at Mysore alleging that the honors due to the Mutt from the Sri Narasimha Swamy Temple on the Hill at Melkote are of late withheld by the

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Immediate

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Office of the Deputy Commissioner
Mysore District
Dated - Camp-Chunchankatte,
the 14th. January 1921

From R. Ramasamy Rao, Esquire
Senior Assistant Commissioner
in District Charge - Mysore

To F. E. Jeyarama Iyer Esqr. B.A., B.L
Secretary to the Govt. of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore
Mugrai Department,

Sir,

Adverting to Your D.O. Cir. No.
2376 Dated 10th. January 921 requesting
me to submit a report for submission
to the Dewan Sahib regarding the Complaint
made by the Sri Parakalaswamy Mutt
at Mysore alleging that all honors due
to the Mutt from the Sri Narasimha Swamy
Temple on the Hill at Melkote have been
of late witheld, I have the honor to state
~~as follows~~ that a Complaint was
made by the residents of Melkote on
8th. December 920 that Kasturi Rangachar
the agent who was receiving the Mariyadi
on behalf of the Mutt received a Gowri Dana
at the time of the death of pandithe Rathnam
Kuppanna Iyengar, and that without
verifying

purifying himself, the said Ranga C Entered the temple, prepared Cakes for Nivedya and that therefore Samprokshanam was necessary before further Service Could be Conducted in the Temples.

On this, the Peshkar held an Enquiry and recorded the Statements of Some of the persons who were present at the time of receipt of Cows Dana by Kasturi Ranga Char

Some of these persons have stated that they Saw Ranga Char receiving Cows Dana in hiranya rupa (i.e. in the Shape of Cash) while others deny having Seen the actual receipt of the Same by Ranga Char.

Thereon, the Temple Peshkar wrote a Jadi to the Dharmashastra pandit Tirumarayana Iyenga - requesting to intimated of the nature of prayaschittam necessary to Ranga Char in the present case, as laid down in Dharmashastra, for which no reply has till now been received

The parapathegar of Sri Parakala Matt was also intimated of the no hon Caused by the said Ranga Char to the temple and was requested to nominate a Separate Gumasta for receiving the Matt honours like the

the Complaint against Ranga Char was disposed of.

This, the Matt Parapathegar refused to do, as he found no necessity to appoint a substitute in place of Ranga Char.

The peshkar then ordered that the honors due to the Matt should be given to Krishna Iyengar brother of the said Kasturi Ranga Char, as was usually being done during the latter's absence, and in case none of the representatives of the Matt should turn up the Mariyadas should be kept in a plate.

Kasturi Ranga Char being under these circumstances, thought unfit to receive the Mariyadas and his brother having refused to receive the same on behalf of the Matt the honors due are held in abeyance

From the above it seems, that it is not true that the Temple authorities have withheld the honors due to the Matt, on the other hand, they requested the Matt agent to send a substitute for Ranga Char pending enquiry, which the Matt Parapathegar declined to do.

But fuller enquiries are being made and a further report will be sent in due

I have the honor to be
Your Most Obedient Servant
R Ramasamy Rao
Senior Assistant Commr. in Disch. Charge

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Diary No. of letter replied to .....

No. 8432

General and Revenue Secretariat

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, *the* 12.30 p.m. 191 .

To

Date of issue 17.1.21

Signed by Dy. Secy. to the Govt. of Assam.

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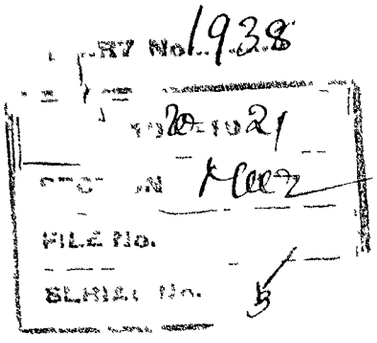

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From The Deputy Commissioner
Nyasaland

To The Secretary
to the Govt of H.M. the King
in respect of Nyasa, Uganda
& Protectorate, Zanzibar

Dated

Despatched 16th March 1921

Received 16 MAR 1921

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No.

Enclosure No. one file

Forwarding a report on the Smallpox
of Suspension of honours due to the
Sir for information

Misc No. 353 of 1921

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,

Mysore District.

Dated, Mysore, 15th March 1921.

From

P.F. Bowring, Esquire,

Deputy Commissioner,

Mysore District.

To

T.L. Jayaram Iyer, Esq., B.A., B.L.,

Secretary to the Government of

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

Mujrai Department, Bangalore.

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter No.C.350/20-21 dated 14th January 1921, I have the honor to submit herewith in original, for the information of Government, the report with all the connected vernacular records, received with French Rocks Sub Division Officer's report No.R.O.C.1209/20-21 dated 14th instant, in the matter of suspension of honors due to the Sri Parakala Mutt from the Sri Narasimhaswami Temple on the Hill at Melkote, as called for in your letter No.2452/Inv.349-20-4 dated 17th January 1921.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner,

Mysore District.

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To

The Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District, Mysore.

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Sir,

Referring to the correspondence ending with your letter No. C. 350 of 20-21 dated 15th March 1921, regarding the suspension of the honors due to the Sri Parakala Matt from Sri Yoganarasimhaswami temple at Melkote, I am directed to state that the inquiries held by the Peshkar in the first instance and by the Deputy Amildar of French-Rocks subsequently are very perfunctory. The records of inquiry received with your communication under reply are so incomplete that the Government find themselves unable to pass final orders in the matter.

2. I am therefore to request that you will be so good as to investigate the whole case yourself personally and report to Government your own views on the whole case, specially with reference to the following points:--

(1) Whether the charge brought by Kainkaryam Tirumalachar and others against the Matt's representative Rasturi Rangachar that he received "Go-Dhanam" when the obsequies of the late Ruppanniengar, were performed is true ~~ture~~? In this connection, the following subsidiary questions may be considered:--

(a) Whether a "Go-Dhanam was made or not;

(b) If so, whether it was given in the shape of a living animal or cash?

(c) To whom was it given?

(d) Was it given directly or by the cash being placed on the ground?

and (e) If it was given indirectly, what is its effect upon the donee? If he is a temple servant, is he disqualified thereby from discharging his duties without undergoing a purificatory ceremony.

The statements of the person who performed the obsequis, of those alleged to have been the recipients of the Dhanam, of the Purohit who officiated at the obsequis and of some respectable people who might have been present at the time may be taken.

(2) Whether the orders issued by the Temple Peshkar on his own responsibility directing:--

(a) the non-delivery of the Matt's honours to the said Nasturi Rangachar,

(b) the performance of Samprokshan in the temple in expiation of the -- pollution caused by Nasturi Rangachar,

(c) the removal of Nasturi Rangachar from the office of Yejurveda -- Parayana held by him and

(d) the exclusion of this person

person from [redacted] the temples, are justifiable.

The matter being very urgent, it is requested that your report may be submitted within a fortnight.

I am also to request that in reporting your findings on the several points above referred to, you will be so good as to favour Government with your opinion as to whether the persons, who may be found to be at fault, [redacted] be the persons complaining or the person complained against, may not be punished by being deprived of their temple offices or privileges since the adoption of such a course may prevent similar ~~irregularities~~ occurrences in future.

The Ver: records are retd. herewith

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Secretary to Government,
Muzrai Department.

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No. C.350/20-21. Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
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Mysore District,
Dated, Mysore the 15th May 1921.

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From

R. F. Bowring, Esquire,
Deputy Commissioner,
Mysore District.

To

T.E.Jayarama Iyer, Esq., B.A.,B.L.,
Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Muzrai Department, Bangalore.

Sir,

Referring to your letter No.3430 Muz.349-20-60 dated the 1st April 1921, I have the honor to make the following report:-

2.For the convenience of parties concerned, I proceeded to Melkote on the 12th instant and held an enquiry lasting from 4 P.M. to 9.30 P.M. The Tengale party were represented by Advocate Mr. Krishna Iyengar and the Mutt authorities by Advocate Mr. K.L.Das. The Mutt Agents Ramachendra Char and Ranga Char and also Desika Char were present.

3. I examined and recorded the statements of Kainkaryam Tirumala Char, Krishnakumara Venkata Char, Veera Raghava Char and Aramudu Iyengar, signatories to the original complaint against Kastoori Ranga Char and on their behalf Mahara Srinivasa Iyengar, Lalyenkere Giriyenkoba Char, Karugada Tirunarna Iyengar and Sitaramia, Head Guests as well. For the Mutt I recorded the statements of Yoga Narasimha Char and Venkata Krishna Iyengar, and as a Court witness, Giri Narasin Iyengar.

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4. The moving spirit on behalf of the petitioners was Kainkaryam Tirumala Char who is the 1st signatory of the petition.

He di not see the gift made or the preparation of cakes afterwards in the temple. His is merely a complaint on hearsay. I may as well say here in answer to your (a) and (b) of question 1 -

that Godanam was made. This is not disputed. It was made in the form of a rupee on a few betel leaves.

The 5 other signatories of the petition, all declare that they were present on the occasion, and subsequently signed the petition. There is practically very little difference in their evidence.

They say they saw the danam given. It was in the shape of one rupee. It was first offered to Tirunarna Iyengar who refused to take it, and as then put on the ground. Makara Srinivasa Iyengar asked Kasturi to take it, and Yoga Narasimha Char's son Tirunarana Iyengar gave it to Kasturi Ranga Char.

This took place in the house of the deceased Kuppana Iyengar.

5. None of these 4 witnesses, however, admits having gone to the temple on the hill and know nothing about the cooking of cakes there. Makara Srinivasa Iyengar corroborates the evidence of the previous witnesses and says that Kasturi Ranga Char having refused at first subsequently took the danam which was given to his hand. He says this took place between 9 and 10 o'clock.

Kalyanakere Tiruvenktachar says the same thing but he does not corroborate the previous witnesses as to what time all this took place. He says it was 12 o'clock and that the

the ceremonies began at 10.30 or 11 A.M.

Karagada Tirunarna Iyengar, a Municipal and Taluk Board Member was also examined. He practically corroborates the other witnesses. This witness is a dismissed employee of the temple.

6. I next examined as a Court witness Tirunarana Iyengar who performed the obsequies of Kuppana Iyengar.

The Mutt representatives did not want to examine this witness as he is a Tengale, and as they were not sure what he would say; so I examined him. He has made a very lucid statement relating in detail what took place and ends by saying that his brother Yoga Narasima Char called Venkata Krishna Iyengar who was outside, and gave the Godanam to him. He admits that Kasturi Ranga Char was there but he did not, he says, take the gift.

It was elicited that this witness had once been fined in some temple case, but this appears to be not an unusual occurrance.

The next witness was Yoga Narasimha Char on behalf of the Mutt. He says he was present from the beginning to the end and that the Godanam was given to Venkata Krishna Iyengar The latter was the next witness examined and he admitted taking the Godanam which was given to him by Yoga Narasimha Char. As soon as I saw this witness I noticed that he very much resembled Kasturi Ranga Char in appearance and in height both being short spare men with similar features and on enquiry I elicited the fact that Kasturi Ranga Char and he are first cousins, Kasturi Ranga Char being his mother's brother's son.

7. The last witness I examined was Sitarama, Head Gumasta of the temple. His evidence, such as it is, is in favour of the complaining party. He was acting Peishkar

Peishkar at the time, and he says he sent for Kasturiranga Char and recorded his statement(Exhibit B) in which the latter admits receiving the amount, but when he asked Kasturi Rangha Char to sign it, he refused to do so.

This witness says he has no orders to take the explanations of subordinates, but it is the practice to do so.

8. I was unable to examine the Purohit Chennu Siruvenkata Char as he absented himself. His statement as however recorded by the Peishkar in which he has stated that he does not know who took the vodanam.

9. It is well known that there is bad feeling between the 2 parties concerned in this affair, so that their statements have to be viewed with caution. Although the strong resemblance between Kasturi Ranga Char and Venkata Krishna Iyengar is intely struck me how I saw the latter for the first time at the Court (I had seen Kasturi before & know him well)I see no reason to unnecessarily much on this & they all may see each other for well, but nevertheless there seems to me no just the possibility of this being a case of mistaken identity. I mention it for what it is worth. In the contradictories or lumpanna Iyengar or a mistake might possibly have been made.

/0. Apart from this however when one come to consider the fact that he or he performed the ceremony-Upanayana Iyengar or Kasturi Venkata Krishna Iyengar took the vodanam, that Venkata Krishna Iyengar says he gave it to Venkata Krishna Iyengar and that Venkata Krishna Iyengar himself says that he took it, the evidence of the other three who saw somebody else give it to Kasturi Ranga Char hard to believe. Of course, the evidence of these is important but as Kasturi

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Kasturi Ranga Char refused to sign it, I cannot place very much reliance on it. If I were trying this case under the provisions of the Criminal Procedure Code, I should give Kasturi Ranga Char the benfit of the doubt and acquit him. I did not enquire of those present at my enquiry as to the effect of the anam on the donee as any statements made by them would have been prejudicial. I submit that the Pandits of the Muzrai Department are the proper persons to answer this question.

11. I have come to a finding on the facts of the case which probably are sufficient.

12. With regard to the 2nd question whether the orders issued by the Peishkar on his own responsibility were justified or not, I may say that in my opinion he blundered badly and that he should have obtained orders either from the Sub Division Officer or the Matt authorities before taking such a step. I do not suppose he caused this trouble purposely but considering all things, he acted with want of tact in my opinion.

13. The Mutt honors have apparently not been received while this enquiry was pending. If any one but Kasturi Ranga Char had been sent to take them, they would undoubtedly have been given. That they were not received is due to the Matt autho-rities being incensed at the action taken by the Peishkar in the treatmentof their Agent.

14. I find it rather difficult to give an opinion on the last point in your letter under reference. The charge is non-proven and the accused has to be given the benefit of the doubt; as such neither side can be punished as it cannot be said definitely that either side were at fault.

15. Government might perhaps warn the temple servants at Melkote that they look with disfavour on complaints that cannot be properly substantiated.

15 I regret the delay in the submission of this report but my multifarious duties have been the cause of it.

16 The entire records of enquiry are also submitted herewith.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner,

Mysore District.

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Proceedings of the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore.

Read:-

Correspondence ending with letter No. G. 356 of 20-21 dated 15th May 1921, -- from the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, submitting a detailed report in the matter of the suspension of the school [illegible] to the [illegible] Yoga Narasimha Temple on the hill at Melkote.

Order No. [illegible]

dated [illegible]

[illegible]

~~though~~ the Peshkar, ~~after his return from~~ who returned from leave in the meanwhile ~~on the 11th December 1920~~, intimated to the Matt Parpathegar on 11th December that Kasturi Rangachar was under pollution and requested him to appoint somebody else to receive the honours on behalf of the Matt, but the Parpathegar saw no necessity for making such an arrangement.--- The Peshkar, therefore, ordered ~~him~~ that the Matt honours should be delivered to Krishniengar, brother of Kasturi Rangachar, in the event of his turning up to receive such honours and that if nobody nominated by the Matt appeared to receive them, the honours should be deposited on the Katle Batlu. Nobody appointed by the Matt having appeared to receive the honours, they are being placed on a plate.

2. The Deputy Commissioner, ~~who~~ who examined several persons, is of opinion that a Godanam was made when Kuppanniengar died ~~xxxx~~ but that it was given in the shape of a rupee, that the evidence on record does not show satisfactorily who received it and that it is ~~the~~ a matter of doubt whether it was received by Kasturi Rangachar, who should consequently be given the benefit of it and held not guilty of the charge brought against him.

3. Government agree with the Deputy Commissioner in the opinion expressed by him and are pleased to direct that the Mariyadas due to the Parakala Matt be shown to Kasturi

ar as before. The action of the Peshkar

cting, without the orders of his official

Matt honours should not be

delivered to Kasturi Rangachar is altogether indefensible,

4. If it had been clearly established who the recipient of the Gotanam was, the Government would have taken severe notice of the conduct of the party at fault — whether it was the complainants for making a false complaint or Kasturi Rangachar for advancing a false plea — but as the finding of the Deputy Commissioner is that the evidence, which is unsatisfactory, leads to no such definite conclusion, Government orders are therefore confined to the expression of their view that they look with disfavour on the presentation of complaints which the persons making them are unable to substantiate.

Secretary to Government,
Muzrai Department.

To

The Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, returning the enclosures.

The Muzrai Superintendent in Mysore.

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Routine Notes.

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Hyderabad & His Highness the Nizam's D.O No. 185-S dt 8-3-21 to the Dewan Sahib-

Dewan's order,

Mun dept: Have this order issued and a copy sent to the Agent of the mail dt Mark.

Mun 7 of 20 is sub for trial personal. The order has issued. (Vide No. 3431-40/Mun 7-20-28 dt 2-4-21) a copy has been sent to the Agent of the Sir Tarakala mail.

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The order regarding the complaints against Mr P Ranga Mr C. Rajha-Chandra Rao has been issued & copy thereof has been sent to the Agent of the Mail

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D.O. No 185
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The Palace,
Bangalore

8th March 1921.

My dear Sir,

I am directed to send you the enclosed Srimukha received by His Highness recently from His Holiness the Parakalaswamy and to say that His Highness will be obliged if the long-pending question which His Holiness refers to is disposed of at an early date.

Yours sincerely,
Mirza M. Ismail

Rajasevadhurina
Sirdar V. Kantaraj Urs, C.S.I.,
Bangalore.

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D.O no 593
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Bangalore,
6th April 1 9 2 1.

My Dear Sir,

Please refer to your demi-official letter o. 185 dated the 8th March 1921 enclosing the Srimukha received from His Holiness the Parakala Swamy.

The complaints against the late Peshkar of the Melkote temples, C.Raghavendra Rao, were duly enquired into and Government Order No. 3431-40/Muz.1-20-28 dated the 2nd instant was issued after obtaining His Highness' gracious orders and a copy thereof sent to the Agent of the Mutt.

An investigation is being held about the non-receipt of Maryades in Sri Narasimhaswamy temple at Melkote and the upshot of the same will be submitted for His Highness' gracious information.

The Srimukha received with your letter under reply is returned herewith.

Yours sincerely,

6.4.21

Amin-ul-Mulk
Mirza M. Ismail, B.A.,
Huzur Secretary to His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore.

"Awdry House",
Fernhill,
27th May 1921.

My dear Sir,

I am directed to request you to be so good as to write demi-officially to the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, asking for information as to when his report on the complaint about the non-receipt of Maryadas in Sri Narasimhaswamy temple at Melkote by the Sri Parakalaswami Mutt may be expected to be submitted to Government.

I remain,
Yours sincerely,
K Sadasivaiah
Assistant Secretary on duty
with the Dewan.

T.E.Jeyarama Iyer Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Muzrai Secretary to Government.

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T. C. Jeyarama Iyer Esq, B.A.B.L

Mysore Secretary to Govt.

Bangalore

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The Dy Comrs' report was duly received, worked up & put up to member on 27-5-24

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Précis

On the 8th December 1920, a petition* signed by 4 persons, viz., i. Tirumalachar, ii. Veeraraghavachar, iii. Aravamudiengar and iv. Venkatachar was received by Sitaramiah, the Head Gumasta of the temple who was then in charge of the Peshkar's duties during the absence of the Peshkar Mr. Puttu Rao on a short casual leave. In this -- petition it was alleged that Kasturi Rangachar, the recepient of the Matt's honours in Sri Yoganarasimhaswami temple had, after receiving a 'Utkranthi Godana' in the rites connected with the funerals of the late -- Panditha Rathnam Kuppanniengar on the previous day entered the temple kitchen and prepared 'Dosai' for Naivedhya; the petitioners requested an enquiry into this unsastraic action of Kasturi Rangachar which rendered a Samprokshna to the temple quite necessary. The petitioners also gave a statement that they would prove their assertions and failing to do so, submit to punishment by Government. The Head Gumasta then took the statements× of Kasturi Rangachar and Chennu Tiruvenkatachar; and on the following day, 9th December, he took the statements of 3 others viz., i. Mudumbi Srinivasa Iyengar, ii. Tiruvaymoli Krishna-Iyengar and iii. Nayaka Venkatachar.

3 The statement of Kasturi Rangachar is not a completed document. The Head Gumasta has recorded on it that the person on being asked to sign the statement refus

refused to do so saying that a reference might be made to his Department.

4 Of the other four persons who were examined by the Head Gumasta, Cherru Tiruvenkatachar stated that he officiated as the Pandit at the funeral rites, that there was no Godana of a live cow, that the dana made was only the tendering of a rupee with betel leaves under Dhara, that the rupee and the betel leaves so tendered were simply deposited on the ground, and that in the attention to the further business of the occasion he did not see who finally took the rupee and the betel leaves.

5 Srinivasiengar and Venkatachar stated that Dharmaraja Srinivasiengar took up the rupee and the betel leaves deposited as above on the ground and calling Kasturi Rangachar gave them to the latter as he came to the door-way.

6 Tiruvaymoli Krishniengar alone asserted that it was Kasturi Rangachar who took the rupee, and the betel leaves deposited on the ground, and added that the said Kasturi Rangachar on the following day showed him his 'Jarivara' as having been newly put on after a bath and that on the advice of the Purohita Bhatta in explanation of the acceptance of the dana.

7 On 8th December the Head Gumasta wrote a Mail to the local Pargadaar of the Sri Parakala Matt requesting him to obtain and forward the statement of Kasturi Rangachar in the matter of the acts alleged --

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alleged against him; as no reply was -- received, the Head Gumasta sent a reminder on the following day requesting further that some one else might be nominated to receive the honours due to the Matt at the temple. while the matter was disposed of

8. In reply, the Matt Parpathagar wrote to say that Kasturi Rangachar informed him that the Head Gumasta himself repeatedly put off taking his statement though he -- appeared several times, that in case Kasturi Rangachar's statement was required, he would take and send it to the records of the complaint ~~might~~ be sent to him and that he saw no reason to nominate ~~another in place of Kasturi Rangachar.~~ as requested by the Head Gumasta.

9 On 11th December 1920 the Peshkar Puttu Rao returned from casual leave and on the following day he sent an Order to the temple manegar directing that, until further ~~orders~~ order, the Matt honours which were being delivered to Kasturi Rangachar should be delivered to his brother Krishniengar and in the absence of the latter to such other person as might have been receiving the same and that in case no one on behalf of the Matt appeared the formality of the honours may be carried out in 'Matlay' as was being done in the temple below; ~~the~~ the Peshkar further ordered that the duties of Yajurveda Parayana held by Kasturi Rangachar should be assigned to some one else.

10 This order was duly given effect to.

11 The next day, 13th December, the Matt Parpathegar wrote a Yadi to the Peshkar

stating that the action of the temple -- Parpathegar in having kept by the Matt honours in 'Thatte Patlu' on the previous night while the Matt Gumasta nominated to receive it was personally present, was opposed to mamool and orders conveyed in the Sannads and asked the Peshkar to let him know under what authority it was done, so that he might refer the matter to the higher authorities. The Parapatyagar No reply was sent —

/2 ~~On this, the~~ The Peshkar then wrote to the Deputy Amildar of French Rocks reporting the action taken by him and stating that the enquiry regarding the Godhana affair had not been completed; as he himself was ill and as the Deputy Amildar had camped at Melkote, the Peshkar requested the Deputy Amildar to enquire into the matter himself and pass final orders.

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/3 On the 14th December the Deputy Amildar took the statement of Rasturi -- Rangachar; the latter then stated that he had not received any Godhanam, that when he was asked to take the rupee and the betel leaves tendered under 'Dhara' he even declined to accept the same and that he had several witnesses to prove it, among whom were Purohit Tirumaraniengar who performed the ceremonies and his elder brother Yoga -- Narasimhachar.

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/4 A meeting of the temple Dharmadarsis was convened on the same day and the question of Prayaschitta for acceptance of Gommara was referred to them for decision.

The resolutions of the Dharmadarsis were:--

(a) That anyone who, in fureral rites, accepted Godhana literally (i.e. a live-cow) or a lump sum in cash as an equivalent thereto should undergo a prayaschittam and then enter the temple.

(b) That if the Godhana was only a part of Dasadhana given in the shape of cash dakshina to several brahmins in a body, it would be sufficient if the person receiving it simply bathes before entering the temple.

15 No orders of the Deputy Amildar on the enquiry held by him and the resolution of the Dharmadarsis are on record. The Deputy Amildar returned to his Head quarters the same evening.

16 On 15th December some persons designating themselves as the local Ghosti and Acharya purushas presented a petition to the Keshkar stating that though Kasturi Rangachar had been removed from ~~the temple~~ service yet no Samprokshana in respect of his having entered the temple kitchen was performed in spite of the Deputy Amildar's order and that until such Samprokshana was performed they could not proceed with Dharumasa Seva etc.

17 The Keshkar then issued notices to the complainants Tirumalachar and others and also to Kasturi Rangachar stating that the Deputy Amildar had ordered the performance of the Samprokshana receiving money for

for expenses thereof from both the parties, but utilizing the payment of only one side and reserving the other for refund to the party whose case might be finally proved, and calling upon them therefore to deposit at once R 10/- the estimated cost of the Samprokshana. But both parties refused to pay.

/8 On this the Peshkar issued an order on 16th December directing the performance of the Samprokshana with the provisions sent from the stores of the temple below and directing further that after the performance of the Samprokshana, arrangements should be made to see that Kasturi Rangachar did not enter the temple premises until further orders.

/9 The Samprokshana was carried out in the presence of the Peshkar and a claim for 'Rokkavacha' (cash) preferred by the temple servants for services in connection with the Samprokshana is pending disposal.

20 On 17th December Kasturi Rangachar sent a registered letter to the Peshkar stating that the order prohibiting him to enter the temples was a grave defamation which had caused ~~to~~ great mental pain and pecuniary loss in many ways and that he therefore intended to proceed against the Peshkar in a proper Court of Law, and calling upon the Peshkar to give him immediately a clear statement of the grounds of his action adding that in case of delay or default he would institute such proceedings as he may

as he may be advised in respect of the loss already incurred and might be incurred in future.

21 On receipt of this registered letter from Kasturi Rangachar, the Peshkar sent a report to the Deputy Amildar stating that from the records of enquiry till then held and his own private enquiries he was convinced that Kasturi Rangachar had accepted a Godhanam in Hiranyarupa and entered the temple without undergoing Prayaschittam, that according to the Resolutions of the Dharmadarsis and the views personally -- expressed by the Deputy Amildar when at Melkote, a samprokshana to the temple had become necessary, that the residents of Melkote having again pressed the immediate performance of the Samprokshana so as to enable them to proceed with Dharurmasa Seva he called upon both sides as instructed by the Deputy Amildar to deposit the cost of the Samprokshana, that both the parties however refused to pay and that thereupon he had the Samprokshana performed advancing the expenses from the temple funds in anticipation of sanction, and further issued orders in conformity with the instructions of the Deputy Amildar ~~prohibiting the entry of~~ that after the Kasturi Rangachar should not be deemed to ~~no underwent a prayaschittam.~~ into the temples until

22 The Peshkar requested orders as to from whom and in what manner the expenses of the Samprokshana should be recovered.

23 In this report the Peshkar also

also expressed his opinion that Kasturi Rangachar was not a fit person to be retained in temple service and invited reference to the Government Order No. 2933-5/Luz.F. 427-10-8 dated 30th May 1912 and to his previous report* No. 2d4 dated 11th November 1920 about keeping Kasturi Rangachar out of Government temples in pursuance of the Government Order for having changed the Namam put on the Idol of Sri Yoganarasimhaswami.

*. These records of this report have not been received with the Ver. papers —. Copy of Fl. (4) is in the file. The original file will be called for if required —.

24 In reply, the Deputy Amildar wrote to the Peshkar stating that his instructions at Melkote were not so explicit as alleged by the Peshkar, that the advance from temple funds for the Samprokshana was unauthorised and opposed to the Orders of Government contained in Proceedings No. 1612-7/Luz.F. 746-19-3 dated 8th October 1920 and that the Peshkar's reference to the Namam affair was -- irrelavent.

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25 In regard to the expenses already incurred, the Deputy Amildar, however, sent notices to both parties. In the notice* issued to Kasturi Rangachar the Deputy -- Amildar called upon him to pay up within 24 hours and warned him that, in default of payment, he would be considered guilty of the charge preferred against him and further steps would be taken against him under Rules for the recovery of arrears of Revenue.

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The other notice was to the complainants Tirumalachar and others stating that if they did not pay, their complaint will be

be treated as a false one, but that the money would be refunded to them if the complaint was proved.

26 The latter declined to pay. -- Kasturi Rangachar also refused first, but subsequently on 21st December he appeared before the Deputy Amildar and deposited R: 7/- towards the cost of the samprokshana requesting a refund thereof after due -- enquiry.

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27 The Peshkar again wrote to the Deputy Amildar stating that the fact of Kasturi Rangachar having received a Godhana had been fully proved, that the necessity for Samprokshana in the temple having been thereby established, he had it performed advancing the expenses from the temple contingent cash in accordance with the practice in vogue and that it was not a matter requiring previous sanction and did not come under the purview of the Government Order cited by the Deputy Amildar. The Peshkar justified his reference to the Namam affair as intended to show how a person who had changed the namam put on the idol would not consider it a great thing to accept Uthkrantha Godhanam and then falsely deny having received it. The Deputy Amildar did not reply to this communication of the Peshkar dated 28th December 1920.

28 On the 10th January 1921 a D.O. was written to Mr. R. Nanaswami Rao, Sub -- Division Officer, French Rocks then in

then in charge of the Mysore District requesting him to immediately submit within three days a report regarding the complaints received by the Dewan that all honours to the Sri Parakala Matt from the Sri Yoga-Narasimhaswami temple at Melkote had been withheld recently. The reference was passed on to the Deputy Amildar for an immediate report: The Deputy Amildar then issued notices to the parties concerned to appear before him for enquiry on 10th February 1921 and in the meanwhile submitted the records in his hands to the Sub Division Officer for perusal. The Deputy Commissioner to whom the records were submitted sent a preliminary report to Government and returned the records for detailed enquiry and early report. ~~The Deputy Amildar then~~ held a further enquiry; on 14th February 1921 he examined the following persons with reference to the Godhana affair:--

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i. Tirunaraniengar, the person who performed the funeral rites of the deceased Panditha Ratnam Kupparniengar,

ii. Yoganarasimhachar, elder brother of the above, who was present at the time,

iii. Naraniengar, Aramane Paricharak in the temple to whom the rupee and the betel leaves constituting the Godhana ~~was~~ were first offered and who refused the same.

30 All these persons have asserted that Rasturi Rangachar declined to receive the Dharam and that Yoganarasimhachar finally took up the rupee and the betel leaves

which had been deposited on the ground and gave them to one Javali Venkatakrishniengar.

31 These persons have also stated that none of the complainants Tirumalachar and others were present on the spot during the funeral rites, Tirumalachar not being even in the town on the day in question.

32. On the side of the complainants only Tirumalachar appeared before the Deputy Amildar long afterwards on 1st March. The others have not responded to the notices issued to them. Even Tirumalachar admits that he was not present personally during the performance of the rites and that his complaint was on hear-say. The Deputy Amildar has finally reported the matter for orders stating that the complaint against Kasturi Rangachar has been due to party feelings and that it has not been properly proved. The Deputy Amildar has requested ordered regarding the adjustment of the expenses incurred for the Samprokshana.

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